

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, and 5 have been indicated by the Examiner as allowable in the Office Action. Claims 20-36 have been added with this response. Claims 1-36 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-19 have been amended with this response. Support for the claim amendments and new claims 20-36 can be found in FIGS. 4-11, as well as pages 13-18 of the specification, for example. Each of the remaining claims includes a limitation not disclosed by nor made obvious in view of the prior art.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, and 6-19, were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Schick et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,050,097 (hereinafter "Schick"). Applicants submit that Schick does not disclose every element of any of claims 1, 4, or 6-19.

For example, independent claim 1, as amended, recites "providing a video stream," duplicating that video stream, modifying the duplicated video stream, and displaying "the video stream along with the modified video stream" on a display screen, where "the modified video stream is in a picture-in-picture (PIP) window, to produce an appearance of a single or seamless video stream to a viewer of the display stream." Independent claims 14-17, as amended, also recite similar limitations.

Schick concerns an apparatus for displaying digital image files on a display device, such as a TV set (Schick, Abstract). In the Office Action, it is suggested that the image files of Schick are somehow correlated to the video streams of the present invention. However, these image files are merely still image files using "standard image formats (e.g., JPG, BMP, GIF)" that can be input via a TV video input port (see Schick, col. 5, lines 37-46). In addition, Schick is silent with regard to "MPEG," a format commonly used for video streams. Further, even if the still images of Schick are somehow correlated to video streams, the PIP windows with the display screens of Schick do not convey a "single or seamless" video stream (see Schick, col. 3, lines 47-50, col. 8, lines 30-35, and col. 12, lines 7-8, which refer to "split" image or split screen displays). Such split image or split screen displays do not appear similar to displaying a single or seamless video stream. In fact, Schick is silent with regard to "seamless video." Accordingly, Schick does not disclose providing a video stream, duplicating that video stream, modifying the

uplicated video stream, and displaying the video stream and the modified video stream together on a display screen, where the modified video stream is in a PIP window, and where the display screen has the appearance of displaying a single or seamless video stream.

Claims 4 and 6-13 depend from claim 1, and claims 18-19 depend from claim 17.

Therefore, the rejections of claims 1, 4, and 6-19 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Schick are unsustainable, and should be withdrawn.

Also in the Office Action, claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Monroe et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097322 (hereinafter "Monroe"). Applicants submit that Monroe does not disclose every element of any of claims 16-19.

For example, independent claims 16 and 17, as amended, each recite a first video stream and a modified video stream that are combined and positioned for a display screen "such that an appearance of a single or seamless video stream is given when viewing the display screen." Monroe concerns a system for capturing, encoding, and transmitting continuous video to a display monitor via a network (Monroe, Abstract). Multiple video streams can be displayed in Monroe. However, there is no appearance of a single or seamless video stream in Monroe. In contrast, the display screen in Monroe is broken up into different "areas or zones" for each of the different video streams (see Monroe, FIG. 5, and para. 0097). Accordingly, Monroe does not disclose displaying multiple video streams such that the appearance of a single or seamless video stream is given when viewing the display screen.

Claims 18-19 depend from claim 17. Therefore, the rejections of claims 16-19 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Monroe are unsustainable, and should be withdrawn.

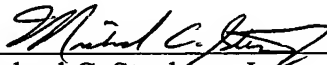
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Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

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